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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3093**  
Kazuyuki YAMANE et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_1232A  
Serial No. 10/506,571 : Group Art Unit 1761  
Filed September 3, 2004 : Examiner Viren A. Thakur  
METHOD OF HEAT-TREATING : **Mail Stop: Amendment**  
PACKAGED PRODUCT AND  
HEAT-TREATED PACKAGED  
PRODUCT

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975